

Abstract

A hub for a fibre channel arbitrated loop is disclosed. The hub comprises a switching device including a matrix of 5 switches connected by a plurality of signal lines, each signal line being electrically connected to at least one switch. The hub is operable to selectively connect and disconnect one signal line from at least one other signal line, at least some of the signal lines being operatively connectable to 10 respective devices comprising the fibre-channel arbitrated loop. The switching device is operatively configurable to selectively open and close the switches to arrange the devices on the fibre-channel arbitrated loop.